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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF UNINTENTIONALLY
ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION**

The referenced patent application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the Office Action dated September 27, 2001. The Applicants hereby petition for revival of the referenced application.

At the time of abandonment, the present application was assigned by the Applicants to Crompton Corporation. Counsel for Crompton Corporation, the counsel then representing the Applicants, did not receive a copy of the Office Action/Restriction Requirement, dated as mailed on September 27, 2001. Thus, neither the Applicants nor their counsel were aware of the outstanding Office Action or their duty to respond to such outstanding Office Action. A Notice of Abandonment, dated May 9, 2002 and received by the Applicants on May 13, 2002 and was the first notice received by Applicants or their counsel that an Office Action had been sent with regard to the present application. Subsequent to receiving the Notice of Abandonment, counsel for the Applicants contacted the Examiner and requested a copy of the outstanding Office

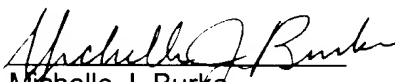
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At the end of June 2002, the present application and other assets were assigned from Crompton Corporation to Crompton Industrial Specialties Inc. (which in turn changed its name to Akzo Nobel Industrial Specialties, Inc.). A copy of the recordation document filed with the Patent office is attached hereto. The practical transfer of files relating to the transferred assets occurred throughout the next several months. Counsel for Akzo Nobel Industrial Specialties, who now act as counsel for the Applicants, became aware of the abandonment upon its review of such files and have proceeded to review the circumstances surrounding the abandonment and petition for revival of the present application in a timely manner.

As discussed in detail above, the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Applicants respectfully request that the present application be revived and prosecution continued.

A reply to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement, dated September 27, 2001 is attached hereto. The required fee for the Petition is also submitted herewith. Since the present application was filed after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer fee is required. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 01-1350.

Respectfully submitted,


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